(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Bureau of Police Research and Development under the Ministry of Home Affairs have been assigned the task of evaluating various new weapons to judge their efficacy for possible use by police and para-military forces.

Export of Foodgrains

998. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of foodgrains exported to different countries during the last three years; and

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the export of foodgrains during the last financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The following table shows the quantum of foodgrains exported since 1984-85:—

Year	Quantum of Export(MT)
1984-85 . . .	3,06,546
1985-86* . .	5,74,632
1986-87* (April-Feb.) . .	5,28,232

*Provisional.

(b) Export of foodgrains during 1985-86 and 1986-87 have increased as a result of export of wheat, allowed within a limited ceiling.

Raising the Status of Forest Research Institute to a University

999. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for raising the status of Forest Research Institute to that of a University; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) A proposal to declare the Forest Research Institute as a "Deemed University" is under the consideration of the Government.

Women Prisoners in Calcutta and Madras

1000. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent study a number of AIDS cases among the women prisoners in Calcutta and Madras jails have been detected and that the women prisoners are being kept in various jails in the country under horrible conditions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sometime in 1983 A. N. Mulla Committee had strongly recommended for separate jails for women besides making other recommendations; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government with regard thereto stating the extent to which Mulla Committee recommendations have been implemented by the various State Governments and reasons for the non-implementation of the recommendations by the remaining States?